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Announcement

The State Board of Education takes pleasure in announcing the completion and formal opening of the West Tennessee State Normal School, Monday, September Ninth, Nineteen Hundred and Twelve.

A distinguished Tennessean will be chosen to make the principal address. Other prominent citizens of the State will make short addresses. The formal opening exercises will be held in the magnificent School Auditorium in Academic Hall. This auditorium seats twelve hundred, being excelled in seating capacity by only one theater in Memphis. A very cordial invitation is extended to all citizens of West Tennessee to attend the opening exercises, and inspect the buildings and equipments. The program and further notice of the opening will be announced later in the papers. Class work begins September Tenth. The office will be open for registration, beginning September first.

All pupils, if possible, should register before the tenth.

Reserve rooms in dormitory now.

LOCATION AND BUILDINGS.

The site of the West Tennessee State Normal School is near Buntyn, about six miles from Main street, Memphis. It is on the Southern Railroad, and connects with the city by a regular street car line.

The main building is an imposing structure three hundred and thirty feet long and about one hundred and fifty feet wide. The entire lower floor will be devoted to physics and chemistry laboratories, the department of Domestic Science and Home Economics, Manual Training, and the Gymnasium. The main Academic Hall contains, in addition to the spacious auditorium, fifty large, airy, well lighted rooms for class instruction. We feel justified in saying that this is the finest school building in the South.

The ladies' dormitory is a magnificent, absolutely fire-proof building, containing one hundred and ten large bed rooms. Wide verandas, hallways, parlors, and reception rooms give the surround-

ings a home-like appearance. In each room is a lavatory with hot and cold running water, electric lights, steam heat, two spacious closets, shades, rugs, table, dresser, chairs, two single beds, mattresses, and springs. The building is equipped with thirty-six elegant bath rooms, with tiling floors and marble wainscoting. Only two girls occupy a room. The building contains, in addition to the one hundred and ten living rooms, special quarters for the matron, a splendidly equipped infirmary, dining room, kitchen, and storage rooms. The young men will be assigned rooms in Academic Hall and in private homes at the same rate furnished in the dormitory.

EQUIPMENTS.

More than twenty-five thousand dollars has been spent in laboratory equipment. The physics, chemistry and biology departments will be furnished with all apparatus necessary for each pupil to conduct individual experiments. This apparatus is all of the latest type, most of it being exported from Germany. Thirty cook ranges, and twenty sewing machines will be installed in the Domestic Science department. The Manual Training department will be equipped with all tools and materials necessary for properly teaching the Industrial Arts. Arrangements have been made for an excellent working laboratory for the investigation of scientific agriculture. At an early date an experiment station will be established for the study of animal husbandry, horticulture, poultry raising, etc. The Bookkeeping department will be installed in ample quarters and provided with several typewriters and all appliances necessary for instruction in accounting, with special reference to rural conditions. Messick School, a suburban school, has been set aside as the pedagogical laboratory. Here pupils will observe teaching in the elementary school branches conducted by experts. Only the seniors will be permitted to do practice teaching. The student will have access to a library of several hundred well chosen books. There is absolutely no fee for library or laboratory privileges.

PURPOSE OF A STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The purpose of a State Normal School is to prepare men and women as teachers for common and high schools. Thorough scholarship in the academic branches and a broad culture are the main points stressed in the preparation of the teacher. The instruction is given with a view that the students are to become teachers, hence the pedagogical aspects of the various branches are emphasized.

A State Normal School should be in harmony with the practical demand of the age, and should be in the van in all movements to ameliorate the conditions in rural communities and in the small towns. For this reason, in addition to the thorough scholastic training, the students should go out well equipped in the science of agriculture, home-making, industrial training, and rural school problems.

THE FACULTY.

The West Tennessee State Normal School will open with a faculty of twenty members. Thorough scholarship, special preparation, and an understanding of and a sympathy with rural and

common school conditions were points kept in view in the choice of the teachers. Practically all of the faculty have had experience as teachers in rural schools; twelve have taught in city school systems; twelve have taught in high schools; seven have served as superintendent of city schools, colleges and universities; and one had served as State Superintendent of Schools. They have received their training in Columbia University, Teachers' College, Harvard College, Chicago University, Vanderbilt University, Vassar, University of Rome, Royal Conservatory, Miami, University of Tennessee, Peabody Normal College, and other high-grade institutions. Every member is prepared to cope with practical school problems.

EXPENSES.

An approximately correct estimate of actual school expenses for a term of three months may be given as follows:

Board, at cost (estimated).....	\$36.00
Room rent	6.00
Incidental fee	2.00
Books (estimated)	3.00

Total\$47.00

GENERAL REGULATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Students must comply cheerfully with these and any other regulations made by the faculty.

Pupils should not keep money in their rooms. They should deposit their money with the bursar, who in turn will deposit same in a Memphis bank. They may check on the bursar for small amounts when needed. Pupils will be encouraged to be economical. The following payments must be made on entering: Two dollars incidental fee for a term of three months; six dollars room rent for a term of three months; twelve dollars for table board for one month. The unused portion of the last two items will be refunded upon the pupil's leaving school before the end of the term. If the table board does not cost twelve dollars a month, the difference will be refunded to the pupil at the end of the month. If it costs more, the pupil will make up the deficit. It is hoped, however, to keep the table board under this amount.

Pupils should notify the president two or three days before arrival so rooms may be reserved for them. Efforts should be made to arrive in Memphis in the day-time. A member of the faculty will meet new students at the station if the exact time of the arrival of the train is given. The Buntyn street car, leaving Main and Madison street every thirty minutes, will take pupils to the Normal building. Baggage should be checked plainly, care of West Tennessee State Normal School, Memphis, Tenn.

Unless excused by the president, students must be present at all general exercises of the school. They must present in writing to the teacher the cause of absence at any recitation.

No student shall discontinue a study except for good cause, of which the department teacher, head of the department, and the president shall be the judges.

Students leaving school without completing their studies and without taking final examinations will receive no credit for work done. Upon re-entering the school, they must take examinations on the studies not completed before they can pursue work of a higher rank.

Girls must not leave the grounds without the consent of the matron, nor are they permitted to go to town unless accompanied by a chaperon. Girls must not receive company on school days. Certain times will be set aside for the social affairs and students must conform to these regulations.

Athletic teams must not lose time from school in making athletic trips.

Pupils are urged to enter school at the beginning of the term. If they enter after work has progressed to any considerable extent, they are placed at a great disadvantage.

All pupils are urged to attend the church of their choice at least once each Sunday. Many of the churches of the city are within walking distance of the school, and all may be reached in a short time by street car.

Pupils upon reaching school should report at once to the office, where they will be furnished with proper blanks for registration. The faculty will gladly assist students in making out registration and schedule cards.

INFORMATION.

For any further information, address Seymour A. Mynders, President, Box 912, Memphis, Tenn.

Be sure to notify us when you are to arrive and you will be met at train in Memphis by a member of the faculty.



